GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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POLLUTION AROUND TO TAJ MAHAL
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an American Institute has shown interest in saving the Taj Mahal from pollution;

(b) whether any specific scheme has been formulated in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

(SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a), (b), (c) & (d) The National Park Services, USA along with the Department of Tourism, Govt. of India had made a project report called Agra Heritage Project Report. This report had two volumes viz. Planning Synopsis 1994 and Agra Environmental Assessment 1994. The major recommendations made in the Agra Environmental Assessment 1994 are as follows:

1. To ensure supply of uninterrupted power.

2. To improve the industrial operations

3. To construct Agra bye-pass road and ring road.

4. To ensure use of Gas/LPG in central Agra.

5. Construction of Agra Barrage to improve the water supply position. 6. To ensure effective sewage treatment and effective solid waste management.

The recommendations made in the Agra Environmental Assessment 1994 are covered under various schemes implemented by Ministries/Departments of Government of India.

The Ministry of Environment and Forests alongwith the Government of Uttar Pradesh has been implementing two schemes such as the Taj Protection Mission and the Yamuna Action Plan which cover projects relating to uninterrupted power supply, construction of Gokul barrage, construction of bye-pass roads,improvement of city roads, improvement of drainage and sanitation,sewage treatment and solid waste management.